

# Cal OES Daily Situation Report

## December 23, 2015



Caltrans clearing a slide on SR 70.

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# SITUATION SUMMARY

## Cal OES Activation Status

State Operations Center	Inland Region EOC	Coastal Region EOC	Southern Region EOC
Level 1	Level 1	Level 1	Level 1

### Bright Light in Sky, Western United States

On 12/22/15 at approximately 1835 hours, the CSWC became aware of a bright, long lasting streak in the night sky noticed from Las Vegas to Ventura and as far north as Butte County. The Warning Center reached out and received the following information:

- Per Vandenberg Air Force Base Command Post, there were no rocket or missile launches today
- Per Beale Air Force Base Command Post, no reports of any strange lights in the sky. No unusual activity to report at the base.
- Per Oakland Air Route Traffic Control Center, they received a report that the object was a portion of a Russian rocket body that was launched on 12/21/15 and re-entering the atmosphere.

### Water Distribution System, City of Shafter, Kern County

- The City of Shafter has proclaimed a local emergency due to water contamination.
- They have issued 5,000 boil notices and have utilized their reverse 911 system to notify the residents.
- The contamination has curtailed and/or caused approximately 60 restaurants to close.
- The City of Shafter activated their EOC on 12/20/15.
- Several vendors (Nestle, Coca Cola, Walmart, and Target have donated water or will be providing the City water at their cost. In addition, they have secured a contract with Sparklets to purchase bottled water for their residences. Forty pallets of water were delivered to residents on 12/22/15.
- The State Water Board and Kern County Public Health and Environmental Health will identify the contamination and perform additional testing and work on remediation strategies.
- Additional tests were performed yesterday, 12/22/15 and the water is safe and the boil order notices have been removed. This will be my final report on this issue.

### Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought

# **WEATHER**

## **Weather of Concern**

### **Humboldt, Del Norte, and Mendocino Counties**

- Onshore northwesterly flow continues to bring showers to the area this morning. A disturbance moving through the flow this morning has increased shower coverage and lowered snow levels. Currently snow levels look to be around 3000 feet. Rain and snow amounts are fairly light with these showers. Another disturbance will enhance the showers this afternoon over northern Humboldt and Del Norte Counties.
- As of 0950 hours on 12/23/15, the Eel River at Fernbridge is at monitor stage (Humboldt County).

### **San Francisco Bay Area**

- Today will be a transition day. Drier weather is expected with continued breezy onshore winds. Temperatures this afternoon will be cooler in the wake of the cold frontal passage. The dry stretch will not last long. The next storm which is slated to arrive Wednesday into Thursday morning will behave similar to the previous system in that it will arrive first in the North Bay and then progressively spread southward during the day on Thursday. While this system is expected to be much more energetic than previous storms it is lacking in the moisture department.
- As of 0950 hours on 12/23/15, the Sacramento River at Rio Vista is at monitor stage (Solano County).

### **Sacramento and Sutter Counties**

- A brief break in precipitation is expected today outside of a few mountain showers. A winter storm will move across the area beginning late tonight through Thursday night. This storm is much colder than the weekend and early-week storm and rather quick-moving. Of main focus is colder air wrapped in system which will bring significant low-elevation snow and higher snow ratios. Snow levels look to be in the 2000-3000 foot range and could locally drop to around 1500 feet. Totals will range from 4 to 8 inches above 2500 feet with 1-2 feet above 4500 feet. Cannot rule out light accumulations down to 1500 feet. This will impact foothill communities including Grass Valley, Nevada City, Placerville and Camino and may cause localized power outages.

### **Central California**

- Wind speeds will be 25 to 35 mph with gusts to 55 mph at times, especially in the Mojave area and below mountain passes. Locally stronger gusts are possible at times overnight tonight. Gusty winds will be also possible over the Sierra Nevada crest as well as the favored passes and canyons in the Kern County mountains/desert.

### **Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County:**

[http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/wwa\\_bc\\_cal.php](http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/wwa_bc_cal.php)

# WEATHER

## WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:

#### **Eureka Weather:**

Showers will persist today. A cold system tonight and Thursday will bring rain and snow to the interior areas.

#### **Medford Weather:**

An active, cold and wet pattern will continue through Christmas Eve. Moist onshore flow today will continue to produce precipitation through this evening, with snow levels hovering between 2000 and 2500 feet. Although most areas will only see light snow through this evening, along the Cascade crest where upslope forcing is strongest, up to a foot of new snow is possible.

#### **Reno Weather:**

Other than isolated lingering showers today, no significant storms are expected, making today the best day to travel if you plans include crossing the Sierra before Christmas. A colder storm will move into the area for Christmas Eve bringing snow to the Sierra in addition to travel impacts. Cold and dry conditions will follow for Christmas Day into the weekend. A few weak systems are possible for next week, but confidence in exact details and timing remain low at this point.

#### **San Francisco Weather:**

A storm system will approach from the north Wednesday evening into Thursday and bring light rainfall and potentially snowfall to the higher elevations Thursday into early Christmas morning. Mostly dry and much colder conditions are then expected Christmas Day into the upcoming weekend.

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## WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

### **CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY:**

#### **Sacramento Weather:**

A few mountain showers through Wednesday, then a cold winter storm will bring Valley rain, low elevation snow, and breezy winds on Christmas Eve. This could severely impact holiday mountain travel.

#### **Hanford Weather:**

The low pressure system that moved through Central California on Tuesday will move out today, but strong winds will continue across the Kern County mountains and deserts this morning behind the departed low. A colder low pressure system will move through on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day bringing another period of rain to the San Joaquin Valley and snow to the mountains and foothills. Drier conditions and colder than normal temperatures are expected over the weekend.

### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:**

#### **Los Angeles Weather:**

A cold trough of low pressure originating over the Gulf of Alaska is expected to push through Christmas Eve into Christmas Day bringing gusty winds, much colder temperatures, and the chance of rain and low elevation mountain snow. High pressure will build into the Great Basin by Saturday and possibly support a moderate to strong Santa Ana event.

#### **Extreme Southwestern California including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:**

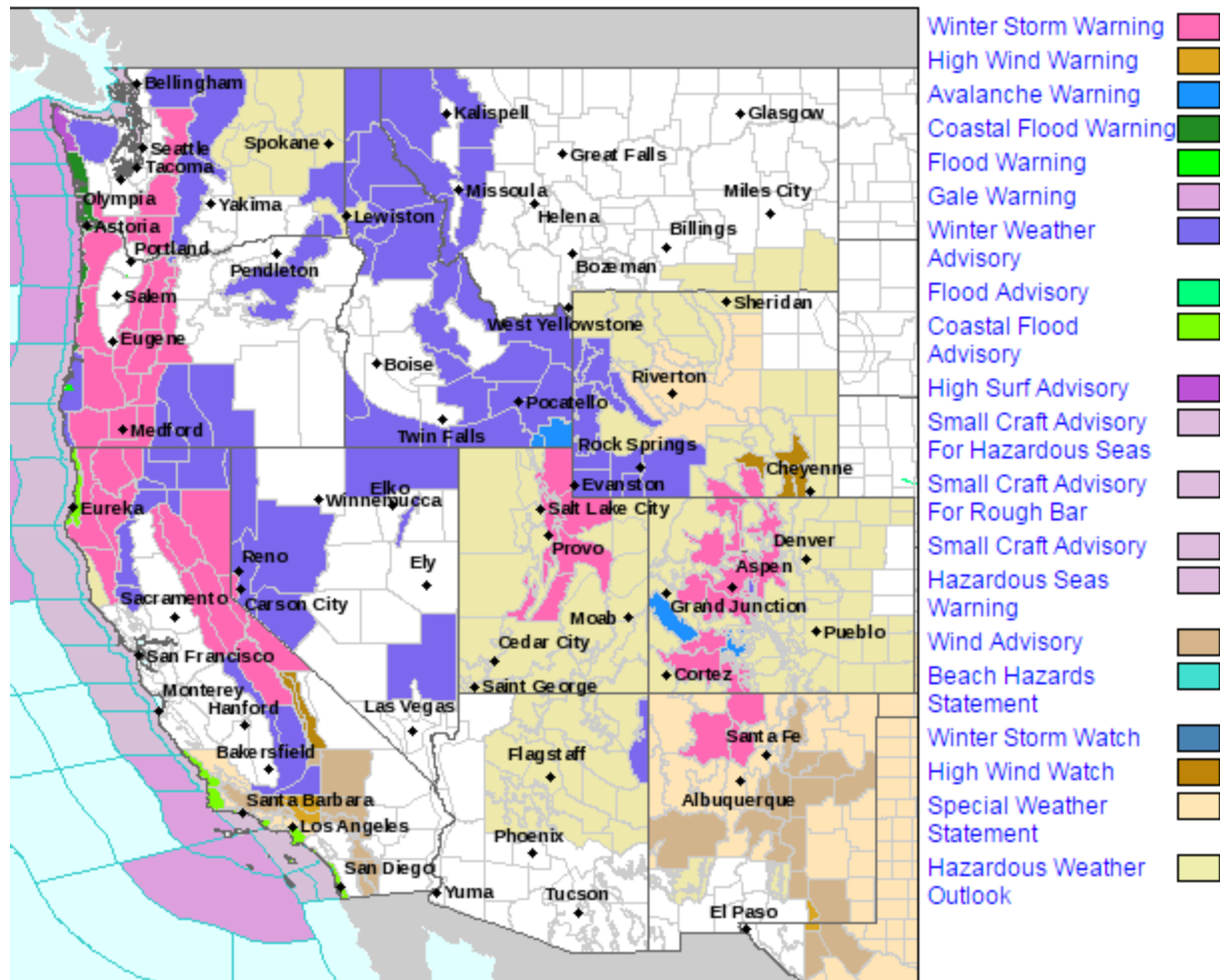
Gusty west winds and occasional showers will continue across this morning. Dry weather will return late today through early Thursday then a low pressure trough will bring lower temperatures and a chance of rain and snow showers for late Christmas Eve through Christmas morning with quite low snow levels; perhaps down to around 3000 feet. Below normal high temperatures and very strong gusty west winds in the mountains and deserts are expected late Christmas Eve and on Christmas.

#### **Southeast California Weather:**

Locally gusty northwest winds will diminish by later this afternoon. Winds will increase again during the late afternoon into the evening on Christmas Eve from the southwest ahead of a cold storm system. This system will arrive Christmas Eve night into Christmas morning bringing a band of precipitation with it with snow possible in some areas as low as 3000 feet. Cold and gusty northwest to north winds will develop during the day on Christmas and last through the weekend.



# STATE WEATHER MAP



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# **FIRE ACTIVITY**



## **Preparedness Levels**

### **National Preparedness Level 1**

#### **Northern California**

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

#### **Southern California**

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

## **California Fire Potential & Weather Maps**

### **Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential**

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

### **Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential**

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

### **California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings**

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

### **NWS California River Forecast Center:**

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>



# CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

## Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC is activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued Executive Order B-26-14 on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought, specifically through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- The Governor issued Executive Order B-29-15 on 04/01/15 which announced actions that will save water, increase enforcement to prevent wasteful water use, streamline the state's drought response and invest in new technologies to make California more drought resilient.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate the Community Impacts Workgroup conference calls. Currently, the calls take place on alternating Wednesdays.
- Cal OES Recovery/Individual Assistance finalized an updated 2015 version of the drought brochure of programs and services for individuals, businesses, farmers, and ranchers. It has been put on the Governor's Drought webpage. State agencies may put the following link to the brochure on their webpage <http://ca.gov/drought/pdf/Drought-Assistance-Brochure-2015.pdf>
- Cal OES Regions (Inland, Coastal, Southern) collective OA drought call is facilitated by the SOC and will be held once per month.

# CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

## Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

### **Local Emergency Proclamations:**

**A total of 63 local Emergency Proclamations have been received to date from city, county, and tribal governments, as well as special districts:**

- 29 Counties: Butte, Colusa, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Inyo, Humboldt, Kern, Kings, Lake, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Modoc, Plumas, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, and Yuba.
- 13 Cities: City of Live Oak (Sutter County), City of Lodi (San Joaquin County), City of Manteca (San Joaquin County), City of Montague (Siskiyou County), City of Porterville (Tulare County), City of Portola (Plumas County), City of Ripon (San Joaquin County), City of San Juan Bautista (San Benito County), City of Santa Barbara (Santa Barbara County), City of Rancho Cucamonga (San Bernardino County) and City of West Sacramento (Yolo County), City of Willits (Mendocino County), and City of Fort Bragg (Mendocino County).
- 9 Tribes: Cortina Indian Rancheria (Colusa County), Hoopa Valley Tribe (Humboldt County), Karuk Tribe (Siskiyou/Humboldt Counties), Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria (Sonoma County), Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians (Madera County) Sherwood Valley Pomo Indian Tribe (Mendocino County), Tule River Indian Tribe (Tulare County), Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation (Yolo County), and Yurok Tribe (Humboldt County).
- 12 Special Districts: Carpinteria Valley Water District (Santa Barbara County), Goleta Water District (Santa Barbara County), Groveland Community Services District (Tuolumne County), Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (Mariposa Stanislaus County), Mariposa Public Utility District (Mariposa County), Meiners Oaks Water District (Ventura County), Montecito Water District (Santa Barbara County), Mountain House Community Service District (San Joaquin County), Nevada Irrigation District (Nevada County), Placer County Water Agency (Placer County), Tuolumne Utilities District (Tuolumne County), and Twain Harte Community Services District (Tuolumne County).

# CAL OES MISSIONS

## Ongoing Cal OES Missions

- **2015-LAW-20602 12/22/15, 1217 hrs.,** The AFRCC reported an ALNOT on a missing aircraft in Alameda County. The aircraft, a 2001 Piper fixed wing single engine, is registered out of Rocklin, Placer County. FAA reports losing radar contact as the aircraft was descending into Oakland at coordinates 37.6438N 121.9757W, which plots to the Sunol area. AFRCC activated the CA Wing of CAP and issued mission #15M0779A. Alameda County S.O. was notified and responded immediately, along with CHP and Fire. Update: FAA confirmed that although the aircraft was flying using IFR, no flight plan was filed so it could not be immediately determined the identity of the pilot or the number of occupants on board. Alameda S.O. later briefed that deputies on the ground located what they believe is the crash site while walking the ridge, sighting the wreckage in heavy brush and in a very steep ravine. Only a partial tail number has been located thus far. The S.O., along with the County Coroner will be on scene tomorrow in an attempt to determine positive ID of the aircraft, numbers and identities of occupants, etc. but there is no ETA for such findings. The debris field is estimated at more than 100 yards long. Alameda S.O. has notified the FAA. **Mission Ongoing.**

# CAL OES MISSIONS

## Closed Cal OES Missions

- **2015-LAW-20586, 12/22/15, 0945,** The Inyo County Sheriff's Department (ICSD) is requesting assistance with a subject missing since 12/17/15. The MP, a 40 yr old male out of Arkansas, left his car abandoned (out of gas) on Hwy 395 @ Hwy. 25. ICSD is requesting (1) Tracking dog and a Helicopter to assist with the search, which is on the Sierra Basin floor. The Cal OES Law Branch K-9 Coordinator was unable to secure the requested K-9 resources. CHP was unable to assist due to weather. The Region VI A/C (Sarro) contacted CNG to assist. CNG was also unable to support but referred the request to Nevada National Guard. Update: 1055 hrs., CNG advised the Nevada National Guard was also unable to support. A/C Sarro contacted AFRCC for a China Lake Naval Air Station airship, which was approved. China Lake NAS did respond and assist but was unable to locate the MP and demobilized. At 1945 hrs., ICSD advised they were suspending search efforts and transitioning from a SAR to an LE investigation. All out of county mutual aid assets have been released. **Mission Closed.**
- **2015-LAW-20598 12/22/15, 0821 hrs.,** The Nevada County Sheriff's Office (NCSO) requested SAR resources to assist in the search for a 76 yr old male missing since 12/15/15 in the Grass Valley area. The MP's vehicle was located in a church parking lot, which will also act as the ICP. The request is for 30 Type II Ground Searchers, 10 HRD-C1 K-9's, and the use of VTAC 36 & 37, SAR MARS Frequencies. The Cal OES Law Branch is coordinating the K-9 request; The request for the VTAC channels was approved in coordination with Cal OES T-Comm. The ground searchers were coordinated through El Dorado S.O., Placer S.O., and Sacramento S.O. All mutual aid resources are requested to report at the ICP on Wednesday, 12/23 at 0800 hrs. for a briefing. **Update:** 12/23/15, 0106 hrs. Nevada SO requested the cancelling of resources for this mission due to a breaking search in the Castle Peak area that will take precedence (2015-LAW-20616). They are requesting to use VTAC 36 & 37 for that mission instead. All mutual aid resources committed to this search, including the Cal OES Law Branch K-9 Coordinator, Placer SO, El Dorado SO and Sacramento SO were notified. **Mission Cancelled.**
- **2015-LAW-20616 12/23/15, 0212 hrs.** The Nevada County Sheriff's Office requesting an immediate response of SAR resources to perform a hasty search for 32 yo male believed to be snow boarding in the back country on Castle Peak near Boreal Ski area. The MP's vehicle was found in the parking lot at California Snow Park on the Boreal side. The MP is experienced and does have proper equipment but it's believed he was not planning to stay overnight. NCSO is requesting 6 Nordic skiers, a Snowmobile Team and a Sno-Cat from Placer County for an immediate response. Placer SO was briefed and responded, arriving approximately 0530 hrs. At 0714 hrs. Nevada SO contacted the W/C to request additional resources for the next two operational periods. Upon contact they advised the MP had just been located, alive and well; he reported having equipment issues which hampered his hike out. All mutual aid resources released. **Mission Closed.**



**Mission:**

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

*We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.*